

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b>	John Smit	<b>Examiner:</b>	D. J. Steadman
<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/743,731	<b>Art Unit:</b>	1656
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<b>For:</b>	CLEAVAGE OF CAULOBACTER PRODUCED RECOMBINANT FUSION PROTEINS	<b>Dated:</b>	May 10, 2006

**Confirmation No.: 7587**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Sir:**

Subsequent to the filing of a Notice of Appeal on March 16, 2006, and in response to the Final Action dated September 16, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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**Dated: May 10, 2006**

  
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